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TOPIC Arrival of Soviet Troops at the Schweinrich Training Area 25X1

EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1 5X1

DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED]

DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] DATE PREPARED 4 May 1953 25X1

REFERENCES [REDACTED]

PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) [REDACTED]

REMARKS [REDACTED]

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Troops and materiel arriving at the Schweinrich training area between 8 and 13 April 1953 included:

8 April. Five officers and 64 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and armed with submachine guns, followed by 3 trucks [REDACTED] and loaded with boxes and billeting equipment, from the direction of Dranse. 25X1

9 April. Six trucks [REDACTED] and carrying boxes and billeting equipment. 25X1

10 April. One sedan and 4 trucks with boxes and billeting equipment, [REDACTED]

11 April. Five trucks including 3 loaded with billeting equipment and boxes, and 2 loaded with roofing paper [REDACTED]

12 April. Four trucks loaded with boxes and timber and [REDACTED] tanks

[REDACTED] 18 trucks, including 4 towing 76.2-mm AT guns; and others carrying troops, boxes and billeting equipment [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] 12 JSU-152 guns [REDACTED] tanks [REDACTED] 5 trucks, including 1 towing a 76.2-mm AT gun; 9 T-34/35 8 armored

scout cars; and 5 half-track armored personnel carriers. Large truck columns were continuously arriving until about midnight. [REDACTED] 25X1

13 April. Fourteen T-34/85 tanks and 2 armored scout cars [REDACTED] at about 2 a.m. About 10 trucks continuously shuttled between Dranse and the training area during the early morning hours.

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[redacted] Comment. From 8 to 11 April, [redacted] the arrival of advance details of the 13th Mecz Div. The occupation of the Wittstock troop training grounds by units of the division started on 12 April [redacted]

[redacted] . The 56 T-34 tanks in this report [redacted] partly belong to the tank battalion of the 58th Mecz Regt, and the 12 SP guns which probably belong to the 33d Tank Regt (US) apparently were not mentioned [redacted] thus increasing the number of tanks observed during the unloadings to a total of about 174 tanks.

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